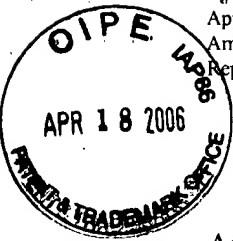


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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by April 17, 2006. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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